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California Oil Refinery History Information current as of August 2012.

Note: Information for some refineries about start-up date and ownership prior to 1981 is not available.

Refineries highlighted in yellow are currently operational. Light blue indicates re-refiner.

This chart is also available to download as an Excel spreadsheet. Current as of December 2012. (36 kb).

California Refinery Facilities	Began Operations		Current Crude Capacity (Barrels/Day) ¹
Anchor Refining, McKittrick Refinery(Closed)	Prior to 1981	Anchor Refining: 1981-1984	
Alon USA Energy, Inc., Bakersfield Refinery	1932	Mohawk Petroleum Corp: 1932- 1975 Reserve Oil & Gas Co: 1975-1980 Getty Oil Co: 1980-1984 Texaco, Inc: 1984-2000 Equilon: 2000-2001 Shell Oil Co: 2001-2005 Big West of Calif. (Flying J): 2005-June 2010 Alon USA Energy Inc: June 2010- Present	66,000
BP West Coast Products, Carson Refinery	1938	Richfield Oil Corp: 1938-1966 Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO): 1966-2000 BP West Coast Products: 2000- Present	240,000
Chemoil Refining Corporation, Signal Hill Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	MacMillan Ring-Free Oil Co: 1981- 1988 Chemoil Refining Co: 1988-1994	
Chevron, Bakersfield Refinery (Closed)	1913	Standard Oil Co: 1913-1926 Standard Oil Company of California (Socal): 1926-1977 Chevron USA Inc: 1977-1986	
Chevron, El Segundo Refinery	1912	Standard Oil Co: 1912-1926 Standard Oil Company of California (Socal): 1926-1977 Chevron USA Inc: 1977-2001 ChevronTexaco Corp: 2001-2005 Chevron Corp: 2005-Present	276,000
Chevron, Richmond Refinery	1902	Pacific Coast Oil: 1902-1906 Standard Oil Co: 1906-1926 Standard Oil Company of California (Socal): 1926-1977 Chevron USA Inc: 1977-2001 ChevronTexaco Corp: 2001-2005 Chevron Corp: 2005-Present	245,271
Conoco (formerly Fletcher), Paramount Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Conoco: 1981-1983	46,500

ConocoPhillips, Rodeo Refinery	1896	Union Oil Co of Calif: 1896-1983 Unocal: 1983-1997 Tosco Corp: 1997-2001 Phillips: 2001-2002 ConocoPhillips: 2002-Present	78,400
ConocoPhillips, Santa Maria Refinery	1955	Union Oil Co of Calif: 1955-1983 Unocal: 1983-1997 Tosco Corp: 1997-2001 Phillips: 2001-2002 ConocoPhillips: 2002-Present	41,800
ConocoPhillips, Wilmington Refinery	1917	Union Oil Co of Calif: 1917-1983 Unocal: 1983-1997 Tosco Corp: 1997-2001 Phillips: 2001-2002 ConocoPhillips: 2002-Present	139,000
DeMenno/Kerdoon, Compton Refinery (Reprocesses Waste Oil as Oil Re-Refiner)	Prior to 1981	DeMenno/Kerdoon: 1981-1984	
ECO Petroleum, Signal Hill Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	ECO Petroleum: 1981-1984	11,000
Edgington Oil Company/Alon USA Energy Inc, Long Beach Refinery	1932	Apex Oil Co: 1932-1941 Edgington Oil Co: 1941-2006 Alon USA Energy Inc: 2006- Present	26,000
ExxonMobil, Torrance Refinery	1907	Vacuum Oil Co: 1907-1929 General Petroleum Corporation of Calif: 1929-1931 Socony-Vacuum Corp: 1931-1934 Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc: 1934-1955 Socony Mobil Oil Co: 1955-1966 Mobil Oil Corp: 1966-2000 ExxonMobil: 2000-Present	149,500
Fletcher Oil & Refining, Wilmington Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Fletcher Oil & Refining: 1981- 1991	
Gibson Oil & Refining, Bakersfield Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Gibson Oil & Refining: 1981-1986	
Golden Bear, Oildale Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Witco Chemical Corp: 1981-1997 Golden Bear: 1997-2001	
Golden Eagle Refining, Carson Refinery (Closed)	1947	Sunset Oil: 1947 - 1958 Golden Eagle Refining: 1958- 1984	
Golden Eagle Refining, Hanford Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Golden Eagle Refining: 1981- 1985	
Golden West Refining Company, Santa Fe Springs Refinery (Refinery Closed in 1992, Continued Operating as a Terminal Until 1997)	1936	Wilshire Oil Co: 1936-1960 Gulf Oil Corp USA: 1960-1983 Golden West Refining Co: 1983- 1997	
Greka Energy, Santa Maria Asphalt Refinery	1935	Conoco: 1981-1992 Saba Petroleum Co: 1995-1999 Greka Energy: 1999-Present	9,500
Independent Valley Energy Company (IVEC), Bakersfield Refinery (Became Part of Big West Refinery))	? 1982	Independent Valley Energy Co: 1982-1987	
Kern Oil & Refining Company, Bakersfield Refinery	1934	El Tejon Oil & Refinign Co: 1934- 1943 Kreiger Oil Co: 1943-1945 Douglas Oil Co: 1945-1962 Continental Oil: 1962-1966 Edgington Oil/Signal Oil & Gas: 1966-1971 Kern County Refinery Inc. (Charter Oil Co.): 1971-1976 Kern County Refinery Inc. (Privately Held): 1976-1982	26,000

		Kern Oil & Refining Co: 1982- Presentt	
Lunday Thagard Oil Company, South Gate Refinery	Prior to 1981	Lunday Thagard Oil Co: 1981- Present	8,500
Marlex Oil & Refining Company, Long Beach Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Marlex Oil & Refining Co: 1981- 1984	19,000
Newhall Refining Company / Pauley Petroleum Inc, Santa Clarita Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Newhall Refining Co: 1981-1989	
Pacific Refining, Hercules Refinery (Closed) Ceased refinery operations August 1995. Continued limited storage and terminal operations until 1997.	1967	Sequoia Refining Corp: 1967- 1968 Gulf Oil Corp USA: 1968-1976 Pacific Refining: 1976-1997	50,000
Paramount Petroleum Corporation, Paramount Refinery	1930s	Ajax Oil Company: 1930s-1937 Kreiger Oil Co: 1937-1940s Douglas Oil Co: 1940s-1961 Continental Oil Company (Conoco): 1961-1982 Pacific Oasis, Inc: 1982-1984 Paramount Petroleum Corp: 1983-2006 Alon USA Energy Inc: 2006- Present	50,000
Powerine Oil Company, Santa Fe Springs Refinery (Closed) Ceased refinery operations early July, 1995. CENCO is offering the refinery equipment for sale, as of April 2007.	1934	Rothchild Oil Co/Powerine Oil Co: 1934-1984 Closed bankruptcy: 1984-1986 Powerine Oil Co: 1986-1993 Castle Energy Corp: 1993-1995 Kenyen Resources: 1995-1996 Energy Merchant Corp: 1996-1998 Creative Energy Company (CENCO): 1998-Present	
San Joaquin Refining Company, Bakersfield Refinery	1969	San Joaquin Refining Co: 1969- Present	15,000
Shell Oil Products US, Carson Refinery (Closed)	1923	Shell Company of Calif: 1923- 1939 Shell Oil Company Inc: 1939- 1949 Shell Oil Co: 1949-1992	
Shell Oil Products US, Martinez Refinery	1915	Shell Company of Calif: 1915- 1939 Shell Oil Company, Inc: 1939- 1949 Shell Oil Co: 1949-1998 Equilon Enterprises (joint venture of Shell Oil Co. & Texaco Inc.): 1998-2002 Shell Oil Co: 2002-Present	
Sunland Refining Corporation, Bakersfield Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1929	Sunland Refining Corp: ?1929- 1995	12,000
Tenby Incorporated, Oxnard Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	Tenby Inc: 1981-December 2011	
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co., Golden Eagle Refinery, Martinez/Avon	1913	Associated Oil Co: 1913-1937 Tidewater Associated Oil Co: 1937-1966 Phillips Petroleum: 1966-1976 Tosco Corp: 1976-2000 Ultramar Diamond Shamrock: 2000-2002 Valero Refining Co: 2002 Tesoro Refining: 2002-Present	166,000
Tesoro Refining & Marketing Co., Wilmington Refinery	1923	California Petroleum Corp. 1923- 1928 Texas Company 1928-1959	103,800

		Texaco, Inc. 1959-1998 Equilon Enterprises 1998-2002 Shell Oil Company 2002-2007 Tesoro Corp. 2007-Present	
Tosco, Bakersfield Refinery (Became Part of Big West Refinery)	Prior to 1981	Tosco Corp: 1981-1984	
Ultramar Oil, Hanford Refinery (Closed)	1931	HH Bell Refinery Co. 1931-1932 Caminol Oil Co: 1932-1967 Beacon Oil Co: 1967-1982 Ultramar Oil Co: 1982-1987	,
USA Petrochem Corporation, Ventura Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	USA Petrochem Corp: 1981-1984	27,900
Valero, Benicia Asphalt Refinery (Part of Valero Benicia Refinery)	1982	Huntway Refining: 1982-2001 Valero Refining Co: 2001-Present	
Valero, Benicia Refinery	1968	Exxon Co USA: 1968-2000 Valero Refining Co: 2000-Present	132,000
Valero, Wilmington Asphalt Refinery	Prior to 1981	Huntway Refining: 1981-2001 Valero Refining Co: 2001-Present	6,300
Valero, Wilmington Refinery	1969	Champlin Petroleum Co: 1969- 1987 Union Pacific Resources Co: 1987-1988 Ultramar Refining: 1988-1997 Ultramar Diamond Shamrock: 1997-2002 Valero Refining Co: 2002-Present	78,000
West Coast Oil Company, Oildale Refinery (Closed)	Prior to 1981	West Coast Oil Co: 1981-1988	

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Notes: 1. Atmospheric crude oil distillation processing capacity as measured in barrels per calendar day - source: Energy Information Agency - Refinery Capacity Report

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